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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: AKIHIRO ISHII ET AL.  
Serial No.: 09/853,085 Group Art Unit: 1623  
Filed: MAY 11, 2001 Examiner: Paul A. Zucker  
Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE 1-  
(FLUORO- OR TRIFLUOROMETHYL-SUBSTITUTED  
PHENYL) ETHYLAMINE AND PROCESS FOR PURIFYING  
SAME

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2002 in the above-captioned application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-24, without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

Responsive to the requirement for restriction in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-13, which are drawn to processes for producing and purifying optically active amines.

Non-elected claims 14-24, inclusive, have been cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, Applicants rights to prosecute the subject matter thereof in an appropriate divisional application.